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MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AWARDS GRANT TO HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Development Authority's Energy Division recently awarded a grant of \$2,500 to the Houston School District. The grant will assist with the Sundancer Solar Car Program.

The Sundancer Program integrates multiple engineering and business disciplines in the research and promotion of solar energy environment for all students. Through innovative teaching research, the program aims to develop students into life long learners, effective communicators and productive citizens.

"This grant is one important part of how the Mississippi Development Authority supports local organizations, particularly our schools," said Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., Executive Director of MDA. "We are pleased to support educational projects, like the Sundancer Solar Car Program, which develop the talents of Mississippi's future leaders while educating the public about alternative energy resources."

In addition to grants like the one awarded to the Houston School District, MDA's Energy Division also administers a variety of technical, programs targeting homeowners, farmers, manufacturers, commercial businesses, fleet operators, local governments, state agencies and public institutions. These programs are designed to foster and secure the environmentally acceptable, dependable and affordable use of energy across the state.

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